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Steven J. Larson et al.) Group Art Unit: 1731
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For: ELECTRICALLY HEATED)
CIGARETTE SMOKING SYSTEM)
LIGHTER CARTRIDGE DRYER)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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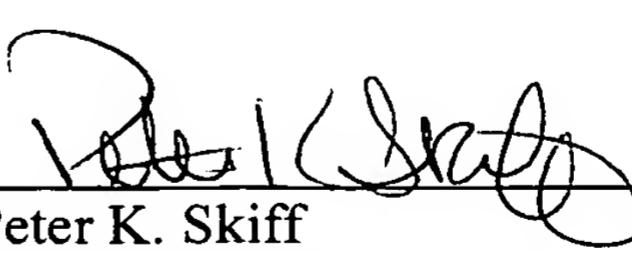
In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Official Action dated June 1, 2006, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the invention covered by Group II, apparatus Claims 1-9. To the extent that search and examination of the remaining claims can be carried out without undue burden on the examiner, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Early and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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